

I CLAIM:

1. A patient support apparatus, comprising:
 - 5 a back board receiving unit including a board support portion having a back board receiving pocket formed therein and a foot rest portion extending from the board support portion; and
 - a back board removably received in the back board receiving pocket.
- 10 2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the board support portion comprises a front wall, a back wall, a first side wall, a second side wall and a base portion.
- 15 3. The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the front wall includes a first flange and a second flange, the first flange and the second flange extending from the board receiving pocket.
- 20 4. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein each of the flanges defines an opening, the opening forming a carrying handle.
5. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of strap openings formed in the back board receiving unit.
- 25 6. The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the plurality of strap openings are formed in the foot rest portion.

7. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the back board receiving unit further comprises a board locking assembly.

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8. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the board locking assembly lies in a plane parallel to the foot rest portion.

9. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the back board receiving unit
10 comprises a polymeric based material.

10. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the polymeric material is acrylonitrile butadiene styrene plastics resin or polystyrene.

11. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the back board receiving unit
15 comprises a metallic based material.

12. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the metallic based material is aluminum.

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13. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the foot rest portion is substantially perpendicular to the base portion.

14. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising at least one drain
25 opening.

15. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising at least one toe-hold portion, the at least one toe hold portion substantially perpendicular to the sidewall of the board support portion.

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16. The apparatus of claim 3 further comprising at least one support member extending perpendicularly between an outside edge of the flange and an outside edge of the foot rest portion.

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17. A patient support apparatus comprising:
back board receiving unit means for removably receiving a back board;

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patient support means for supporting the feet of the patient; and
a back board removably received in the back board receiving means.

18. The apparatus of claim 17 further comprising:
attachment means for fastening the backboard to the receiving means.

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19. The apparatus of claim 17 further comprising locking means for locking the back board to the back board receiving means.

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